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1. During the summer of 1949, more than 50 dugouts resembling air-raid shelters were constructed at the foot of the mountain south of Yonchon (127-04, 38-06) extending about half a kilometer toward Wangchingmyon. The area was under constant guard and was restricted to military personnel only.*
2. Trenching activities were observed at several locations in the mountains south of Kwanchon-ni (127-30, 37-44) and Wolha-ri in Chorwon (127-12, 38-14) County. Trenches were also being dug in the mountains around Kagok in Pyonggang (127-18, 38-24) County and to the north of Yangmuani (127-14, 38-00) in Pochon County. A cavalry training field was observed in the mountains near Chorwon.*
3. All workers engaged in these constructions were selected from the Labor Party or the Farmers' League by township committees and the Labor Party. The work was carried on in secrecy.
4. After 1 August, train schedules between Wonsan and Yonchon will be cut to one train a day. In order to travel on this route, civilians, with the exception of government employees on official business, will be required to obtain passes from the Bureau of Internal Affairs.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. Other American agencies which have reported defensive works in these areas believe that they are not solely propaganda measures but are actually intended as defense preparations for fighting between North and South Korea.

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